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SUBJ: INTERNAL SITUATION IN YUGOSLAVIA

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1. IN PURSUANCE OF PERMREPS' MANDATE TO POLITICAL COMMITTEE
TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON YUGOSLAVIA, POLADS CHAIRMAN INDICATED
MAY 2 THAT INTERNATIONAL STAFF WOULD CIRCULATE NEXT WEEK A DRAFT
PAPER AS A DISCUSSION AID. WE WILL SUBMIT WHEN RECEIVED.

2. NETHERLANDS REP NOTED THAT POLADS HAD RECENTLY ONLY
EXCHANGED INFORMATION ON RESPECTIVE ITALIAN AND YUGOSLAV POSITIONS
REGARDING TRIESTE. THE HAGUE HOPED FOR A BROADER DISCUSSION THAN
THAT TO COVER YUGOSLAV INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS.

3. NETHERLANDS REP CONTINUED THAT ONE SUBJECT OF SPECIAL INTEREST
TO THE HAGUE WAS THAT OF YUGOSLAV ARMS PURCHASES. WHILE 85 PCT OF
YUGOSLAVIA'S WEAPONS WERE DOMESTICALLY PURCHASED, THE
15 PCT BELGRADE BOUGHT OR ATTEMPTED TO BUY ABROAD WERE THE MOST
SOPHISTICATED. IF THE WEST REJECTED YUGOSLAV ATTEMPTS TO PURCHASE
ARMS, THE YUGOSLAVS WOULD AND DID BUY FROM THE SOVIETS.
THE NETHERLANDS HOPED THAT APOLADS STUDY WOULD SHOW THE WEST
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SHOULD BE MORE FLEXIBLE. CHAIRMAN OBSERVED THAT THIS QUESTION
APPEARED TO GO BEYOND THE POLADS' TERMS OF REFERENCE.

4. COMMENT: POLADS ARE EMBARKED ON A PROJECT WHICH HOPEFULLY

WILL INCREASE ALLIED UNDERSTANDING AND COMMONALITY OF VIEWS ABOUT THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN YUGOSLAVIA. THIS IS NOT CONTINGENCY PLANNING BUT CAN PROVIDE USEFUL BACKGROUND FOR THE ALLIES IN FUTURE SITUATIONS. WE UNDERSTAND FROM POLADS CHAIRMAN THAT IS DRAFT PAPER WILL BE FOCUSED ON THE INTERNAL YUGOSLAV SITUATION AND BE DRAWN PRIMARILY FROM OPEN SOURCES. AS SUCH, IT WILL BENEFIT FROM NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMMENTS, AND WE HOPE WASHINGTON WILL TAKE A LEADING ROLE IN THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS. OTHERWISE, IN ADDITION TO WASTING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR WORTHWHILE WORK IN ADVANCE OF ANY YUGOSLAV CONTINGENCY, WE MAY WANDER DOWN BYROADS SUCH AS THAT THE DUTCH SUGGEST. RUMSFELD

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